

// An additional scheduled meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, was held on the 17th day of November, 2009, at 4:30 P.M., in the School Administration Building, Joan F. Foster President, presiding. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a joint meeting with the School Board regarding several items. The following Members were present:

Present: Dodson, Garrett, Helgeson, Perrow, Foster

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Absent: Gillette, Johnson

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// School Board Chair Mary Ann Barker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

// Linda Jones along with Blair Smith provided a progress report regarding the construction of the new Sandusky Middle School, stating that the project is still on schedule and within budget. Ms. Jones highlighted some challenges facing the school administration regarding the move to the new facility. Ms. Jones went on to say that the Schools should take possession of the new Sandusky Middle School on May 15, 2010.

// Council Member Johnson arrived at 4:48 p.m.

// Superintendent Paul McKendrick provided an overview regarding the Schools enrollment statistics. Dr. McKendrick reviewed information regarding combined student enrollment, combined high school enrollment, combined elementary school enrollment, and capacity and enrollment information regarding the City's elementary schools. Dr. McKendrick explained some of the reasons regarding the decline in the high school enrollment and the increase in the elementary school enrollment through 2014.

// City Manager Kimball Payne provided an overview regarding the FY2011 Budget. Mr. Payne stated that the national recession, unemployment, stimulus money and long term implications of deficit spending are still a big concern. Mr. Payne stated that the State budget situation will have an impact on local government spending. Mr. Payne explained that the State is projecting as much as \$2.5 to \$3.5 billion deficit over the next two years, and that there is no way the State can address its shortfall without affecting localities. Mr. Payne provided an overview regarding the local budget situation and discussed concerns that the City will be facing during the next fiscal year and beyond. Mr. Payne noted that he has asked City departments to prepare budget scenarios to see what can be done with 90% of the resources that we have this year.

// City Manager Kimball Payne provided an overview regarding the City/Schools Consolidation Initiative. Mr. Payne highlighted the results in some of areas that have been reviewed, i.e., joint procurement, food services, financial and Human Resources systems, consolidation of travel & procurement cards, telephone services, Building & Grounds, and Human Resources. Mr. Payne noted that the ongoing consolidation effort has already generated some minor savings and bigger-ticket ideas are under development. Mr. Payne went on to say that he and Dr. McKendrick along with staff are continuing to meet every two weeks and are committed to completing the review of the areas that were identified for consolidation. City and School Board members spoke positively regarding the changes made to date, but several members also pressed for more aggressive action on more profitable ideas, such as combining health care plans or merging parallel positions.

// The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.